

MINUTES

Workforce Connection Of Central New Mexico Youth Council

Thursday, November 8, 2007

4:00 pm

Mid-Region Council of Governments

Call to Order - 4:10 pm - by Mary Lee Martin

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Jerilynn Sans

Present

Rosa Auletta

Bob Davey

Mary Lee Martin

Maria Rinaldi

Dr. Emily Salazar

Absent

John Dantis

Marty Mondragon

Willard Reger

John Sapien

Michael Stanton

Quorum Established

Approval of Thursday, November 8, 2007 Agenda

Motion: Rosa Auletta

Second: Maria Rinaldi

No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

Tab 1. Approval of Minutes, Youth Council: September 13, 2007

Motion: Rosa Auletta

Second: Maria Rinaldi

Further Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

Tab 3. Monthly Expenditure Report – by Jan Borchardt

- Jan Borchardt, MRCOG Finance Manager, explained the WIA monthly expenditure report for October 2007.
- The youth service provider variance in the financial report was due to the original contract amount negotiated at a lower cost than the actual expenditures.

No Discussion

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| FINAL ACTION ITEMS |
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None.

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| INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS |
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Tab 3. Youth Program Updates – By Jerilynn Sans

- Jerilynn Sans reported that the WCCNM Drug Testing Policy was brought to the Executive Committee, and after many discussions, concluded that there were numerous issues regarding the drug testing process to incorporate it into the Youth Program.
- Ms. Sans did note that there is a drug-free acknowledgement form in place and utilized by Youth Development, Inc. (YDI).
- Concha Cordova of YDI stated her concerns of youth participants opting to enroll in the WIA program because there is no drug testing requirement.
- Staff will update the Youth Council on this issue should any changes occur.
- Ms. Sans stated that YDI continues to successfully operate and manage the older youth co-enrollment and Individual Training Accounts (ITAs).
- Ms. Sans met with a Counselor at Moriarty High School regarding a program that would co-enroll high school students into Mesa Lands Community College to receive College credits upon graduation from high school.
- Students wishing to participate in this program cannot afford to pay the tuition and fees and because many of the students are under eighteen years of age, cannot utilize WIA adult funds.
- Ms. Sans noted the possibility to request funding from the state for a pilot program to assist these students and will gather more information.
- YDI's program planning summary presenting placements and numbers will be incorporated into future Youth Council Agendas.

Questions and Comments Followed

Tab 4. Business and Career Center Status Update - By Jerilynn Sans

- Ms. Sans stated that the Bernalillo County Business and Career Center (BCC) has three Memorandums of Understanding prepared which allow the WCCNM to take control of the building on 501 Mountain Road.
- The BCC Model One-Stop is scheduled to open on January 1, 2008 with continued partner meetings for integration.

Discussion and Comments Followed

REPORTS

- **Administrative Reports**

- Mary Lee Martin thanked YDI for their continuous hard work.
- Bob Davey invited Youth Council members to attend the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum 2008.

- **Public Comment - None**

Adjournment – 4:52 pm

NOTES

Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2008
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Mid-Region Council of Governments

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